

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 622

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Kattie Nash to the education standards recommendation committee for science.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, requires the state board of education to adopt "[new] sets of standards in science and social studies that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-310(a), requires that such standards "be adopted through an open, transparent process that allows all Tennesseans an opportunity to participate... and fully implemented in Tennessee public schools in the 2017-2018 school year"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, provides for the creation of the standards recommendation committee for science and social studies to facilitate such process; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, further provides that the "standards recommendation committee [be] appointed in the same manner as the standards recommendation committee created in 49-1-312"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the governor shall appoint four (4) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Kattie Nash to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, currently in her eighth year of teaching, Ms. Nash has taught three years of kindergarten and three years of first grade and is now serving her second year as the K-4 STEM encore teacher; and

WHEREAS, chosen by her peers as the 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year, Ms. Nash has also been honored as the Putnam County Elementary Teacher of the Year, the Regional Teacher of the Year for the Upper Cumberland Region, and the Kindergarten-4th Grade Educator of the Year by the Tennessee Science Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nash has completed the Innovative Leaders Institute, and she serves as a resource for the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network upon request; she serves on the Prescott South STEM Advisory Board and is an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Kattie Nash to the education standards recommendation committee for science for a term that commenced on February 17, 2016, and will expire on January 10, 2017.